

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 531

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Springfield Lions Club upon the occasion of its eightieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary organizations and their remarkable members who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is the Springfield Lions Club, which will celebrate its eightieth anniversary on May 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, composed of volunteers who seek to give help wherever help is needed most, Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world with more than one million members in two hundred countries; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Springfield Lions Club make a difference in their community by supporting sight programs and services, including providing glasses and other visual aids, vision screenings, and eyeglasses recycling; sponsoring vision-impaired children for blind camp; providing audible, large print, and Braille books to those in need; and by making contributions to the Leader Dog Program and the Vanderbilt Eye Institute; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Lions Club also hosts several fundraisers throughout the year, including Campaign SightFirst and Campaign SightFirst II. Its largest fundraiser is The Minstrel Show, which features a variety of local talent, and is the longest-running show of its kind in Tennessee and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Springfield Lions Club have worked countless hours to make their community a vibrant and compassionate place of which every resident can be proud,

and have upheld the Club's vision of leadership, humanitarian service, and the promotion of peace; and

WHEREAS, the members of this laudable organization are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State; as an ambassador of those very precepts, the Springfield Lions Club should be especially recognized on the occasion of its eightieth year of proud service to its community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the members of the Springfield Lions Club in celebrating the Club's eightieth anniversary, commend them for their exemplary service to their community, this State, and our Nation, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.